

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE HOLY GHOST

His Great Mission is Fully Explained in the Bible.

Nothing Accomplished for God Without His Assistance.

Jesus told His disciples that when the Holy Ghost came He would not speak of Himself, but nowhere does the Scripture teach that we should not speak of Him. And, really, I am not sure that we honor Him as we should, as He is God's executive power in the world today.

With as much as has been spoken and written about Him in the last eight years He is yet but little understood. His mission is unknown by the masses and it remains a question if any one knows the fulness of His mission in every detail. There is, however, a satisfaction in knowing that His mission is fully explained in the Bible whether it is fully understood or not. It is not our purpose in this short article to give an exhaustive account of His work and mission, but we wish to heap upon Him as much honor as possible by showing a few things that He does.

Jesus said that when He came He would reprove (convince—mar.) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. It is the work of the Holy Ghost to convince a man he is a sinner and bring him into a state of godly sorrow where he will repent so deep that he will be through with it. Then when one repents to the bottom it is the Holy Ghost that convinces him that he is now righteous through the merits of Jesus Christ, and has become a child of God. "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Rom. 8:16.

When this is done He does not stop as if that was the end of the matter, and there was nothing more to be done. We have been asked to explain Romans 15:17, and right here will be a good place to do it. This verse gives another phase of the ministry of the Spirit. All will admit that Jesus suffered outside the gate that He might sanctify the people with His own blood. Heb. 13:12. But there must be a force or power to

perform the work with that blood, so that is the mission of the Holy Ghost. The above Scripture shows that the Gentiles were sanctified by the Holy Ghost. That is, the Holy Ghost applied the blood of Jesus that had been shed and made them clean. Sanctification is a cleansing, then the Holy Ghost cleansed the gentiles. But He did it with the blood of Jesus.

To illustrate: You wear the clothes that have been cleansed by the washer woman, but the washer woman cleansed them with soap and water. Let the washer woman represent the Holy Ghost and the soap and water the blood of Jesus. This surely makes it plain how the Gentiles were sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Many misinterpret this Scripture and make it appear that sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost are one and the same because the Holy Ghost does the sanctifying or cleansing. They think the Holy Ghost comes in at that moment to abide because He sanctifies. But I'll ask a question here: If you ever washed your own clothes did you ever put them on in the act of washing? No, of course not. You washed them and put them on later. When you put them on then you were inside your own clothes that you had previously cleansed with water and soap.

The application: You are sanctified or cleansed by the Holy Ghost, and afterward He comes into that which He has cleansed to abide. "What? know ye not that

your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you? 1 Cor. 6:19. In speaking to His disciples of the Holy Ghost Jesus said, "For he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." Jno. 14:17. He is with you in sanctification and applies the blood just like the washer woman is with her clothes when she is washing them and applies the water, but when she wears them she is in them. So when you are clean and

you receive the Holy Ghost He is in you.

Another thing that the Holy Ghost does that we want to mention is that He speaks. Some people don't think the Holy Spirit can speak, but "to the law and to the testimony," and let the Book settle the matter. Jesus told the disciples among many other things that the Holy Spirit would speak when He came. Read carefully now and don't miss a word. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself but whatsoever he shall hear that shall he speak. John 16:13. Now let us get the full import of this verse as a proof text of the Holy Ghost speaking when He comes. Please notice that when He comes He will not speak of Himself, but this is enough to prove that He will speak something when He comes. Illustrate: When John comes to see you he will not speak of politics. But you are sure that if John comes to see you he will speak of something. Why? Simply because when you get the word that he will not speak of one certain thing, you know he can speak and will speak of other matters.

But we continue this verse a step further. While it says He will not speak of Himself it goes on to say that He will speak. "But whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak." Now this certainly proves that when the Holy Ghost comes He will speak. This verse then could be read as follows and do it no violence. "Howbeit when He the Spirit of truth is come He shall speak whatever He hears." To make it still plainer and still not change the meaning we could read it thus: "When the Spirit comes He will speak." This analogy cannot be successfully refuted.

We are surely free to say now that one of the missions of the Holy Ghost is to speak when He comes. This argument is also in harmony with John 15:26, where Jesus said, "When the Comforter is come * * * He shall testify." Not much difference between speaking and testifying. We also have the history given showing that the Holy Spirit did speak when He came just like Jesus said He would, "And they were all filled

with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

When we refer to speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance as the evidence of His coming in, this is not the gift of tongues. Just recently we have been asked to explain the difference between tongues as the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gift of tongues. It seems difficult for many to comprehend the difference. Can't fully explain this point here, but suffice it to say that when one has the gift of tongues he can control the speaking (1 Cor. 14:27, 28), but when one receives the Holy Ghost in the baptism of the Holy Ghost the Spirit has complete control and utters the words through the lips of clay independent of any effort of the individual. They spoke as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Another thing about the Holy Spirit and His mission that we want to mention here is, that there is nothing accomplished for God without His assistance. We may talk, sing, preach or pray, but without the Spirit to accompany and apply the truth it is like sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. Referring to our prayers Paul informs us that we don't know what to pray for us as we ought, but the Spirit makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. So He "helpeth our infirmities." The Spirit enables us to pray according to the will of God and by doing this the answer will be received (1 John 5:14, 15), when without the aid of the Spirit it may fail.

In order to be able ministers of the Word it is necessary to have the Spirit accompany the truth or it will prove a curse rather than a blessing. Paul tells us that "The letter killeth but the Spirit giveth life." Then to give out the Word with no Holy Ghost in the matter is a serious thing, little as many people seem to realize this. When we consider this point we can readily see the reason so many congregations have become dry and formal who were once happy and zealously engaged in working for the salvation of souls. The Apostle Paul saw the

importance of having the Holy Ghost in one's life. When he found certain disciples at Ephesus the first thing he asked them was, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" as if that was the most important thing for them. He also wrote to the same church eight years later and reminded them of the same thing, and if there were new members that had not yet got this experience they should not rest till they obtained it. He said, "Be filled with the Spirit." This came as a command to be obeyed, and was preceded and followed by some explanations that show something of the importance of really being filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5:14-27.

There never has been a time, it seems, when people needed the Holy Ghost as they do now. They need Him to guide them out of error into truth, and to comfort them, and reveal Jesus, so that they can be fully prepared to meet Him when He comes or calls. "Receive ye the Holy Ghost!"

Reform, Ala.

Dear Saints:

I feel like sounding a note of praise to my dear Savior for sparing my life till I could see the light. Glory to God, I am doing my best to walk in the light. I am glad that we can have the true gospel preached to us. God said that the poor should have the gospel preached to them although it is in our homes or under bush arbors. I am glad we can have it in that way, for we read where Jesus taught the people on the banks of the river. It makes me feel good to know that we can work for God anywhere.

I have such a hunger in my heart this evening. I feel sometimes that I can't live any longer unless the Lord gives me the blessed Holy Ghost. Often I feel as if my heart was going out of my breast.

I want the people of God to pray that God will draw me on and on.

We have preaching at my house about once a month. The devil sure is roaring. Help us to pray for the people here. Some don't want a prayer meeting held near

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Remember that Roy Miller's book is still going at 5c and one cent for postage. There are still a few left, and we are anxious to get them all out. Good reports are coming in of the good they are doing.

Revival services have been going on here for several days conducted by the pastor and Geo. T. Brouayer. Results have been good. Some saved and some sanctified and some have received the Holy Ghost, besides much good accomplished in a general way.

Faith is increasing and the work is prospering in many places in spite of the oppositions of the enemy. A number of new churches have been set in order, and God is working with the evangelists confirming the Word with signs following.

Geo. T. Brouayer left here Tuesday for Crab Orchard, Tenn., where he expects to spend some time in building up the work. His ministry here has been much appreciated and very effectual for good.

M. S. Lemons has just come in from Copper Hill where he has been in the battle for a few weeks. He gives a good report of the work. About fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost and about the same number added to the Church.

Remember the offer of the "Last Great Conflict" at 25c each, during the summer campaign. Five to one address for one dollar. This is certainly a bargain, and every body should avail themselves of this opportunity to purchase and read this book.

We went to Mineral Park, Tenn., and dedicated a new house last Sunday for the worship and service of God. The people came with their baskets well filled and their ears opened to the truth. I

was told that every family in that locality are either in this way or favorable toward it, except one and they hope to win it. God was with us in the service and seemed to place upon it His seal of acceptance of the house, judging from the manifestations of the Spirit at the moment of dedication, besides at other times in the service.

The food was spread out at dinner time and all seemed to enjoy the love and fellowship of each other while partaking of the bountiful repast.

The amount of money necessary to defray all remaining expenses was raised, so the house was dedicated free from debt. Thank God.

Madisonville, Tenn.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I am praising God for saving and sanctifying me and giving me the blessed Holy Ghost who still sweetly abides. Praise His dear name for a salvation that keeps us free from condemnation. I praise Him because I am a member of the Church of God. Jesus said, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18. I find in Rev. 22:14, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." I am glad that Jesus said the Holy Ghost would guide us into all truth.

I praise God for sending us a pastor. I desire the prayers of the dear saints that I may sthy humble and do His will.

Your sister in Christ,
Dora Kellar.

Manor, Ga.

Deas Bro. Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I am still praising the near Lord for full and free salvation.

About two months ago the dear Lord saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Praise God, it is so sweet to trust in Jesus. I have trials and temptations but God gives me overcoming grace, praise His name.

I want all the saints to pray for me that I may stay humble and low at the feet of the Master and ready to do His will at all times. (Glory, Glory.

Your sister in Christ,

Minnie Cribb.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR.

Mrs. P. T. Collier.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind and strength and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Dear Readers of the Evangel:

I see some things that are discouraging to the saints of God and I have been asking God to help me that I might say something to encourage my brothers and sisters. He told me to write and encourage all I could. I then asked Him for a subject, "Lord, what can I say?" and He said, tell them "Thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind and strength and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." I want to glorify God in writing for Him for he says "do all to the honor and glory of God."

The enemy says "Who is my neighbor?" Let God answer, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," so I decide that every creature that needs the gospel is my neighbor. So this writing is to all. We cannot help loving all when our hearts are cleansed from all sin and filled with love, then we can say his yoke is easy and His burden light. When John came preaching he said "bring forth fruits worthy of repentance," and we certainly will be of the fruit when we are filled with the Holy Ghost for God says "you shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you." All power was given to Christ in heaven and in earth and He gives us power over all temptation and enables us to do our Father's will. If we do not know His will it's our fault for He has sent His spirit into this world to teach us and He will guide us into all truth.

When John preached to the people they asked him what they must do and his answer was "he that hath two coats give to him that hath none and he that hath meat let him do likewise." Now this same fruit, God requires of us today. Let us make our calling and election sure for if we do these things we are pleasing the Lord for God's promises are to the doer.

Let us show our faith by our works, and prove that we love our neighbor as ourselves. We are left without any excuse to give, if Jesus should say to us, "I was an hungered and ye fed me not, I was naked and ye clothed me not." There are many who are robbing God for when we are robbing the

poor we are robbing God. How can we spend God's means for worldly ornaments while the poor are suffering around us. How can we dress like the world when God says come out from among the world. Separate yourselves from the world, love not the world neither the things that are in the world; if any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world. Let us be honest with one another and confess our faults. Let us be sure we prove our love to our neighbor denying ourselves to help our neighbor.

We must not spend God's means for unnecessary ornaments and let our neighbor suffer. If we have two coats how much better we could do with only one than our neighbor can with none. We could do better with one pound of meat than our neighbor can do with none. We cannot afford to miss heaven by robbing the poor, when God has given us the way bill from earth to heaven, teaching us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Every penny we spend foolishly is robbing God. He says, "As oft as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

Let us bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the law. I hear of some claiming to have the Holy Ghost and fighting God's Word. Remember the Word and the Spirit agree. We cannot love our neighbor as ourselves when we refuse to help spread the gospel. We have a command from God to bring all the tithes into the store house, which is God's house, and yet they refuse to obey. God said that ye are cursed with a curse because ye have robbed Him. Are we proving that we love God by keeping His commandments? This is the love of God that we keep His commandments. God's command is that thou shalt love God with all thy mind and strength. It means a great deal to love God with all our minds and all our strength. When we are doing all we do to the honor and glory of God we are loving Him with all our strength, but when we working for anything that will not build up God's kingdom we are serving the wrong master and giving Satan our strength. Let us spend our time and strength for God. I praise God because the things I once loved I now hate and the things I once hated I now love. Praise

God, I have lost the carnal mind, I now have the mind of Christ and am free from the lust of the eye and the pride of life. Pray for me that I may continue to love God with all my strength.

J. H. Newtown in Jail, Summerville, Ga.

In spite of all our efforts to prevent it Mr. Newton deceived a young lady and married her. About the same time he joined the Baptist church at Trion, Ga. He was arrested and bound over to court and landed in jail where he is awaiting trial. In a letter to us he says, "In jail is a good place to repent." He asks the Church of God to forgive him for the harm he has done it, in a sense he acknowledges his guilt, and it has been proven that he had a wife and children when he flatly denied it. Thank God he did not deceive the Church of God long.

Clover, S. C.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I can report victory through the precious blood of Jesus. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues and I am a member of the great Church of God.

When I first saw the light of the Church of God, I didn't really know that it meant so much, but I am truly glad that God has let me live to see it.

I am expecting Jesus to come very soon, and I ask all the dear saints who read this to pray for me that I may stay humble and true to God and that I may preach the Word with power and warn precious souls to flee the wrath to come.

I am now in a place where the baptism of the Holy Ghost has never been preached. I do not have any place in which to hold services, the fields are white and the harvest is waiting and many hungry souls.

If there is any one that will come here with a tent write me to Clover, S. C. If there is any one who feels led to come to hold a meeting, please don't disobey God. I am afraid some one has already disobeyed God by not coming here.

Your sister in Christ,
Bessie Lee Peters.

Dew drops.

M. S. Lemons.

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Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

Since I see so many people care so little about the Church of God and its teachings as outlined in Paul's writings I felt led to write a few lines in the little white winged messenger, that is flying over this globe and carrying this gospel to many that are sitting in darkness.

Some say it doesn't matter what we teach so we have the Holy Ghost. Beloved, it sure does matter what we teach. I notice Paul was plain and explicit in the teaching of the Church. He says, I have not shunned to declare the whole counsel; Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 20:27, 28.

I will follow where He leads, I will pasture where He feeds. It has always appeared to me that the Church of God was a pasture where God's people could feel safe in partaking of the wonderful things of God knowing the poison is kept out.

In Georgia there is a very poison vine that creeps along under the bushes that the cattle are very fond of early in the Spring. Not knowing any better they eat it and are poisoned. Paul gives warning against false teaching as poison when he says, "Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." There are two teachings going abroad in this land that are damnable doctrines and poison to the core. The Church of God certainly ought to be crying aloud against them. These are the "finished work" and "the first resurrection is passed." About the latter I want to say a word. Paul said, "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle." 2 Thes. 2:15.

Now what did Paul teach concerning the first resurrection? In the first place Paul was contending with a sect of people that did not believe in a resurrection, the Sadducees. Then in his charge to Timothy he spoke of a few who greatly withstood his words or preaching. Paul said that Hymenaeus and Philetus were preaching that the resurrection was passed and their word doth eat as a canker and has overthrown the faith of some. 2 Tim. 2:17, 18. Paul, what did you do with those men for preaching this

doctrine? "I have delivered them to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme." 1 Tim. 1:20. Paul says, "Know them who labor among you." Thes. 5:12.

Bless God, we have a Church at Knoxville, and a few are determined to go the straight and narrow way. Bro. McLain is pastor and we are looking forward and expecting the Lord to do great things here this summer.

We have bought a place to worship in at the junction of Munson and Elm Streets. We owe \$300.00 on this property and kindly ask an interest in the prayers of the saints, that God will enable us to meet the payments.

Your brother in Jesus,
J. W. White,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Mano, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the saints:

Greeting in the Name of the Lord. I feel that I would like to preach a sermon to all professed Christians and especially to the delinquent members of the Church of God, on God's perfect plan of doing things, for the one I feel impressed to write about now is finance.

I feel that some of our members need their pure minds stirred up by way of remembrance. Now, brothers and sisters, as God has given us a perfect plan for everything else so he has for finances also, which is to bring in all of our tithes. Gen. 14:20, "And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all." Heb. 7:4, "Now consider how great this man was, unto whom the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils." Gen. 28:22, "And this stone which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Lev. 27:30, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." Num. 18:20-21, "And the Lord spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the Children of Israel.

And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service

of the tabernacle of the congregation."

In the 23rd verse we find where it says, "It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations." Neh. 13:10, "And I perceived that the portion of the Levites had not been given them; for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every man to his field." Mal. 3:8-12, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast its fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts."

Some will say we are not under the law. Read Math. 23:23, it shows us plainly that Jesus endorsed the paying of tithes. "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done and not leave the other undone." Luke 11:42, "But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs and pass over judgment and the love of God: These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone."

Wake up, brothers and sisters, wake up; let us not let the Scribes and Pharisees get ahead of the members of the Church of God, and some of the ministers at that. If these people under the law could pay tithes as natural Israel, we as spiritual Israel and heirs by adoption according to the promise of God to Abraham, ought to pay tithes under the new and better covenant. Come, ye delinquent members and watch the old Church of God grow and help the true ministers of God by giving them their inheritance. If they can leave wife and babies, give up home and all, surely those who are permitted to stay at home and enjoy the joy and satisfaction of being with their

family, ought to help send the gospel by giving God what justly belongs to Him. Praise God! Hallelujah! I feel like shouting. I just now talked in tongues and feel like it again. Glory to God. Come on beloved, and let us spread this precious gospel. Quit robbing God and get the blessings and benefits that come from keeping His commandments. "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." John 14:21. "If a man love me, he will keep my words." John 14:23. "Examine yourself whether ye be in the faith." 2 Cor. 13:5. "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:19.

Come ahead beloved, and let us have an abundant entrance. Glory to Jesus.

Any who need the services of a little evangelist who is out and out for the full gospel and one church, write your little brother in Christ,
E. B. Culpepper,
R. 3, Lake Park, Ga.

Cascilla, Miss.

To the Church of God Evangel and all the Saints:

Greetings in the Name of Jesus. I am glad I am in this way. We have just closed our annual Spring meeting at Stonefield. The Lord was with us in great power and glory in building up the saints and confirming the Word with signs following.

One brother locked his hands around a gas torch that was burning at full blast for about a minute and the power of God fell, one received the Holy Ghost, one girl reclaimed and fear fell on the sinners. Next morning at daylight a young man came after us to come quick for his little brother was very sick, nigh unto death. We went and prayed for him anointing him in the name of the Lord and the Lord raised him up.

We had the best behavior that we have had at this place for a number of years. We used to pray for the people to behave but we tried the law this time and as soon as the boys found out that the Church of God stood for law and order, they asked the Church to forgive them and promised that they would never misbehave again, so we forgave them and now they say they are going to stand by us, thank God.

Bro. M. S. Haynes had

charge of the meeting. He and his family are certainly faithful and loyal to the Church of God. Bro. Haynes seems to have his whole soul in the work;

Bro. A. B. Adams and wife were with us the last night of the meeting. Bro. Adams is a strong member and in full fellowship with the Church of God now. The Church he once hated and persecuted he now defends; and from the tone of his speech we are expecting great things from him now. The meeting closed with all the saints rejoicing and their affections set on things above. All seemed to be of one accord and one mind. We people at Stonefield are going on and we are praying for the signs to follow God's believing children. We ask the prayers of all the saints.

Yours for the Church of God,
H. A. Pressgrove,
R. 7 Holcomb, Miss.

Duncan's Town, Ragged Island.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and all the Dear Saints scattered abroad:

I feel it my duty to write a few lines of comfort and cheer through this little messenger to Bro. Barney whom I understand was put in jail and is now in the chain-gang. I sympathize with the precious wife and children but remember that all things work together for good to them that serve the Lord (picked out people). I have read the report over and over and I see Bro. Barney is where he is because he obeyed the Master's command (Jas. 5:14.) and every child should obey his father. In all things the believer must give God thanks.

I read of brother J. W. Buckalew's shipwreck and I thought, "whom God keeps is well kept." Press the battle, brother, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. I know brother Buckalew to be a strong worker; he preached here in the Baptist Church about three years ago. God bless all.

Your Brother awaiting the shout,
O. J. Maycock.

Madisonville, Tenn.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I am still saved and sanctified. I am praising God for such a salvation that keeps me from sin. I am praising God for sending us a good minister to preach the gospel for us. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,
Mollie Bomine.

Experience on the Bahama Islands.

Milton Padgett.

Greetings to all the dear ones:

May the Lord bless you.

I will try to give you a little of my experience in the last few weeks. I got on a mail boat at Nassau to go to Green Turtle Cay. The boat is a two mast, called a schooner, with fore and aft sails. This one had one top sail, which is put up at the top of the mast between the two sails, also three jibs. We started about three o'clock in the afternoon and sailed all night. Next morning about nine we go to the south end of Abaco where there is a light house. The place is called "Hole in the wall."

The first place we stopped was at Cherokee sound (the place where I am now). They have a bad harbor for a large boat. Across the bar the water is shallow and a large boat has to anchor out in the ocean and the people go ashore in a small boat. When the wind is from the east it is very rough, and when we got there the wind was from the east and blowing hard. They don't usually stop when it is too rough but they stopped this time to put off some passengers. When we got ready to start they had to cut loose the anchor to save the boat. When this was done the boat pitched so that it looked like it would go to the bottom. I tried to stay on the deck so if it did go down I might have a chance, but I got so sick I had to lie down.

There was a brother who works on the boat and he came to ask me how I felt, but I was so sick I could not answer him. Jesus was with me, bless His dear Name. But it was not long till we got out of the ocean and into what they call "while water." It is a bay, between a reef and a string of small islands, and the mainland. This does not get so rough.

The first place we came to after leaving Cherokee was Wilson City, where there is a large saw mill. I believe it is owned by Americans. They have a little railroad there, the only one on the islands. They have three small engines that they bring logs out of the forests with. They have an ice plant and electric lights. The next place is Hopetown, where there is a light house. It is on a small Cay about three miles from the mainland. The next was on the mainland, Marsh Harbor. The next was Great Guana Cay. A guana is an animal a little like a lizard. They are as large as a small

dog. The people eat them. The next place we stopped was Green turtle Cay, where we have a church. The church was not getting along so well and we had to drop some, but the Lord has some dear saints there. I stayed there about two weeks.

I then got a brother with a small sail boat to carry me about fifteen miles to Cooper Town on the mainland. Here we have a church with thirty-eight members. I would have been glad if you could have witnessed my landing and reception. I had to go to the shore in a small boat called a "dinkey." There was a crowd waiting for me. As I put my foot on the rocks they had my hands with their arms around me, shouting and crying and talking in tongues. They are sweet saints. They are not only sanctified but are living the life. They don't cut at each other in their testimony or preaching. They love each other and help each other.

They had prepared for me. I stayed two weeks. Before the time came for me to leave there were two talking about my departure. One said to the other, "I wish he would stay all the time." The other answered, "If we could we would buy him and keep him all the time." So you see I can't help but love them.

The time came for me to leave. I was going back to a place called Sand Bank, then across the island to another place called Sand Bluff. There was a young brother going with me to the Cay. We had to go about a mile to get to the boat. Nearly all the saints went with us. It was a sad parting. It was dark when we started out and only three on the boat. We had a rough time as the wind was blowing a gale before we got there, but the Lord carried us through, praise His dear name.

It was Friday night when we arrived at the Cay and I failed to find a boat to take me, so on Monday I hired a small boat to take me back to Cooper Town. They were glad to see us back. On Thursday, myself and all the saints went across the island, and eight brothers and sisters got in small boats with me and were carried about a mile to a sponging schooner. We left the saints on the shore weeping, but I expect to meet them again some day up in the skies if not before.

We sailed the rest of the day and part of the night till we got in about three miles

of Sand Bluff and anchored. The next morning we got in small boats and were taken to Sand Bluff, where we held meeting about a week. There were some hungry souls there but their leaders held them back. They would get under such conviction till they would jump up and run out. One started to run out one night and got to the door and the Spirit brought her back. She was under the power of the Spirit about an hour. But she never came back any more.

We had meeting Sunday afternoon on the street. The power of the Spirit fell on one so strong that she could not leave. She shouted up and down the street. It fell on another one and she went running up the street to get away from it. They took the other one home shouting. The sisters followed her and just at dark she spoke in tongues, but she never came back.

On Thursday morning the brothers and sisters got in two small sail boats to go back to Cooper Town, and I got in another to go to the Sand Banks. That was a sad parting. I can see them now in my mind with the tears running down their faces. God bless them. I got an old man to take me about a mile and a half in a small boat, then I walked across the island and up the beach about a mile and I was at the Sand Banks.

Only five families live there, but I saw something that made me feel sad. Off to one side in a little house about as big as the bed room you sleep in, the top and most of the sides made of palm leaves, lives a widow and her son. He looks to be about eighteen or nineteen years old. When I went to see them, in one corner of the room on some old quilts was the boy. What a sight! There he sat with an old coat around him. As near as I could tell it looked like his thumbs and some of his fingers were gone. And his face what a pitiable sight! His lips were swelled. He has the leprosy. I had seen pictures of lepers but now I beheld one.

The mother tries to farm a little. She is not very strong. She says they are without anything to eat sometimes and shut out from the world. She has some fruit, but the people are afraid to buy it. The people help them some. How much we have for which to be thankful to our heavenly Father—how we ought to love and serve Him! There are four that live

here that have the baptism and are members of the Church of God at Green Turtle Cay. While I was there one old man claimed to get saved. They treated me well. May the Lord bless them.

I went back to the Cay, got on the mail boat and came here. One man died since I came here who said he was lost. I went to see another old man that will soon go but he is ready. Then I went to another place and held meeting with them. Off from the main house is a little house and a little boy that looks to be about twelve years old has to stay there alone. He has the leprosy. I held meeting in the yard. He sat on a box under a little tree by himself. He is a Christian and helped us sing. He says he is ready to die.

One has got sanctified since I came and others are hungry. Three have given up their pipes. I am staying here waiting for the mail boat to take me to Nassau. Then I expect to go home for a short time. The Lord bless you all.

Your brother in the work of the Lord,

Milton Padgett.

Dear Bro. Padgett is now at home with his family for a little rest. He is much worn from the constant toil and exposure. Pray for him.—Ed.

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their homes and are trying to keep any of the people from coming about the ones that are trying to do right, so we are on the right way. We are going to build a bush arbor so we can feel free. I feel that much good can be done here for some have gone to reading their Bibles to see if we are preaching the truth. Glory to God.

Please pray for my husband that he may be saved. I want my family saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I enjoy the little paper, it is food to me. Pray a special prayer for Sr. Fannie Simpson that she may be restored to her health and strength. We are trusting that many souls will be saved at this place. Glory.

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